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GENERAL DEBATE

1. SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE IN THE NAM PLENARY BEGAN AFTERNOON JULY 26 AND CONTINUED UNTIL CLOSE TO MIDNIGHT, WITH ELEVEN DELEGATES ADDRESSING THE SESSION AND ONE -- ETHIOPIA -- RISING TO TAKE ISSUE WITH REMARKS ON ERITREAN SITUATION BY KUWAIT REPRESENTATIVE. ADDRESSING PLENARY ON FIRST DAY WERE REPRESENTATIVE OF SRI LANKA, KUWAIT, IRAQ, INDIA, TANZANIA, GHANA, PERU, JAMAICA, BAHREN, YEMEN (YAR) AND PAKISTAN (GUEST). (IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT 73 DELEGATIONS INTEND TO ADDRESS THE PLENARY.) ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV PRESS ACCOUNTS, HEAVY EMPHASIS WAS PLACED BY MOST SPEAKERS ON NEED FOR MORE NAM UNITY. YUGOSLAV DAILY BORBA CHARACTERIZES FIRST DAY AS FOLLOWS: "IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE DEBATE IN GENERAL WAS REALISTIC AND IN ACCORD WITH THE POSSIBILITIES AND THE NEEDS OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT." BORBA ALSO SINGLES OUT THE TANZANIAN PRESENTATION: "THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM TANZANIA SAID THAT HIS COUNTRY IS SOCIALISTIC BUT THAT IT DOES NOT WISH TO BE CONNECTED WITH THE SOCIALIST

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BLOC." ALSO NOTED WITH SATISFACTION IS A GHANAIAAN CALL UPON BOTH EAST AND WEST EQUALLY TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

END SUMMARY.

2. SRI LANKA. THE GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN WITH SPEECH BY SRI LANKAN FOREIGN MINISTER HAMID. ACCORDING TO BORBA, HAMID STRESSED THE NAM MUST MAINTAIN UNITY IN THE FACE OF

ATTEMPTS TO UNDERMINE IT. HE WARNED THAT ALL DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN NAM MEMBERS MUST BE ADDRESSED IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIATORY FASHION, WHETHER IN BILATERAL RELATIONS OR IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS SUCH AS THE NAM. THE MOVEMENT MUST NOT YIELD TO ANY OUTSIDE PRESSURES, MUST RETAIN ITS OWN IDENTITY, AND MUST REMAIN OUTSIDE THE RIVALRY OF THE GREAT POWERS. HAMID ALSO STRESSED THAT SRI LANKA DECISIVELY OPPOSES EVERY ATTEMPT OF FOREIGN POWERS TO EXTEND SPHERES OF INFLUENCE TO THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE UN RESOLUTION ON THE INDIAN OCEAN MUST BE APPLIED FULLY. HE ALSO PLACED CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN CONCLUSION, HAMID WARNED THAT THE NAM IS FACED WITH SEVERAL "IMPORTANT AND DECISIVE DECISIONS" IN BELGRADE AND THESE MUST BE ADDRESSED IN THE SPIRIT OF STRENGTHENING UNITY AND SOLIDARITY.

3. KUWAIT. THE BORBA ACCOUNT OF THE ADDRESS BY THE KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTER AL SABAH OMITS MENTION OF DIRECT ATTACKS ON ETHIOPIA OVER ERITREA OR HARSH WORDS LIKE "GENOCIDE" WHICH NON-YUGOSLAV NEWS REPORTS OF HIS ADDRESS CONTAIN. POLITIKA'S ACCOUNT HOWEVER INCLUDES AN EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE KUWAIT AND ETHIOPIAN DELEGATIONS IN WHICH THE ETHIOPIAN CHALLENGED AL SABAH'S CHARACTERIZATION OF THE ERITREAN SITUATION AS "INTERFERENCE IN ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS." TO THIS A KUWAITI DELEGATE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED "KUWAIT HAS NO DESIRE TO ENTER INTO POLEMICS OVER THE ERITREAN SITUATION BUT MUST INSIST ON CALLING ATTENTION OF THE WORLD TO THE ERITREAN PROBLEM AND TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE ERITREAN PEOPLE."

4. ACCORDING TO BORBA, AL SABAH SAID THAT "FROM COLOMBO TO TODAY THE DYNAMICS OF THE NAM MOVEMENT HAVE SLOWED." HE WARNED THAT "THERE ARE EXAMPLES OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AND THAT COLONIALISM IS STILL REALLY VERY ACTIVE IN ATTEMPTS TO REVITALIZE ITS POSITIONS." HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID "CONFLICTS BETWEEN MEMBERS, WHICH SOMETIMES BECOME LOCAL WARS, FACILITATE FOREIGN INTERVENTION AND COLONIALISM. MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE DEFEND THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND INDEPENDENCE."

5. IRAQ. IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER HUMMADI EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT DETERIORATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN WHICH HE SAW "SIGNS OF A RETURN TO THE COLD WAR." THIS IS DISTURBING, HE SAID, "ESPECIALLY BECAUSE SOME NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE BECOME TOOLS OF THE SUPER POWERS." ACCORDING TO BORBA, HUMMADI SAID "GREATEST DANGER" LIES IN CONFLICTS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT. HUMMADI CRITICIZED "CERTAIN ASPECTS" OF THE WORK OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU, RECALLING THAT IRAQI PROPOSALS ABOUT THE FUNCTIONING OF THAT BODY HAVE BEEN

IGNORED TO DATE. BORBA QUOTES HUMMADI: "THERE IS A FEELING THAT SOME WISH TO DOMINATE THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND TO TURN IT IN CERTAIN DIRECTIONS." HUMMADID ALSO HAILED THE NAM FOR HAVING MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE. ISRAEL WAS STRONGLY CONDEMNED, ACCORDING TO BORBA, ALONG WITH "RACIST SOUTH AFRICA."

6. INDIA. THE INDIAN DELEGATE VAJPAYEE CALLED ON THE MOVEMENT TO MAINTAIN COHESION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME REMAIN BOTH FLEXIBLE AND RESOLUTE. THE MOVEMENT MUST REJECT "MULTILATERAL MILITARISM AND IDEOLOGICAL UNIFORMISM." BORBA ALSO QUOTES THE INDIAN WARNING THAT "PERMANENT DEPENDENCE ON FOREIGN MILITARY FORCE THREATENS INDEPENDENCE AND NON-ALIGNMENT OF ALL NATIONS." THERE IS A DANGER OF A "VICIOUS CIRCEL OF EXTERNAL MILITARY UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPENDENCE AND INVOLVEMENT, VAJPAYEE SAID. "IF WE FALL INTO THIS TRAP, WE COULD LET THE COLD WAR IN BY THE BACK DOOR, HAVING THROWN IT OUT THE FRONT." THE INDIAN ALSO WELCOMED PAKISTAN TO GUEST STATUS IN THE NAM, ADDING HIS HOPE THAT PAKISTAN WILL NOW "GO ON TO DETACH ITSELF FROM THE SYSTEM OF MILITARY ALLIANCES."

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7. TANZANIA. THE TANZANIAN ALI FOUM ACCORDING TO BORBA
HAILED YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE IN THE MOVEMENT, CALLED FOR STRENGTH-
ENED UNITY, AND ADDRESSED A SERIES OF SPECIFIC ISSUES.
THESE INCLUDED UNIFICATION OF THE TWO KOREAS, THE "EXPLOSIVE"
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND CYPRUS. TURNING TO AFRICA
FOUM HARSHLY CONDEMNED "THE MOST SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOR OF FORMER
COLONIALIST FORCES WHO ARE AGAIN SEEKING TO REGAIN OLD
EMPIRES." FRANCE IN PARTICULAR IS "INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF A NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES." FOUM ALSO SAID THAT
THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS ATTEMPTS TO FORM A PAN-
AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE IS "NOT ONLY A PROVOCATION WHICH LEADS
TO THE DESTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE BUT IS ALSO AN INSULT
TO THE HONOR OF AFRICA AND AN EXAMPLE OF IMPERIALISM AT WORK."

8. GHANA: GHANIAN REPRESENTATIVE FOREIGN MINISTER FELLI
CHARACTERIZED THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AS TAKING PLACE AT A TIME
WHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCKS ARE WORSENING AND THERE
ARE MORE AND MORE LOCAL WARS. THE ROLE OF THE NAM HAS THEREFORE
NEVER BEEN MORE VITAL, HE SAID. ACCORDING TO BORBA, FELLI
EMPHASIZED THAT THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE A SOVEREIGN
RIGHT TO SEEK WHATEVER HELP THEY WISH FROM OUTSIDE, HOWEVER
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TAKING CARE THAT THEY DO NOT THEREBY BRING INTO QUESTION THEIR
OWN INDEPENDENCE, NOR EXTEND AN OPPORTUNITY TO ALIEN IDEOLOGIES
AND NEO-COLONIALISTIC INFLUENCES TO PENETRATE INTO TERRITORY OF
THE NON-ALIGNED AND THUS TO TURN THE NON-ALIGNED INTO A
BATTLEFIELD FOR SUPREMACY BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS.

9. MINISTER FELLI THEN RENEWED A PREVIOUS SUGGESTION OF GHANA
TO CONSIDER FORMATION OF AN "AD HOC COMMITTEE" OF NAM MEMBER
COUNTRIES, WHICH COULD MEDIATE BETWEEN CONFLICTING SIDES.
MINISTER FELLI ALSO CALLED FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE
MIDDLE EAST. HE HAILED THE UN SSOD AS A SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS
TOWARD DISARMAMENT, ALTHOUGH IT HAD NOT FULFILLED ALL EXPECTA-
TIONS. HE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO THE ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. FELLI SAID THAT GHANA EXTENDS
FULL SUPPORT TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, WHICH IS THE ONLY AUTHENTIC
LIBERATION MOVEMENT IN ZIMBABWE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE MINIS-
TERIAL MEETING IN BELGRADE REQUEST THE UNITED STATES TO RESPECT
THE TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST THE RACIST REGIME OF IAN SMITH. HE
ALSO SAID THAT WALVIS BAY MUST NOT BE CONSIDERED A TERRITORY
SEPARATE FROM NAMIBIA AND CALLED ON THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO
EXERT PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO RELINQUISH IT.

10. PERU. THE PERUVIAN DELEGATE, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AGUIRRE, PAID HOMAGE TO PRESIDENT TITO'S ROLE IN THE
MOVEMENT, RECALLING TITO'S WARNING ABOUT THE NEED FOR UNITY,
SOLIDARITY, AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE MOVEMENT. ANY TURNING FROM
THIS LINE OR INTER-LOCKING WITH BLOCK POWER WILL COMPROMISE

THE FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT, AGUIRRE WARNED. PERU IS DETERMINED TO EXTEND THE "AUTONOMY" OF THE MOVEMENT. "WE WILL RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF EVERY COUNTRY BUT WE WILL STRUGGLE AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION OR DOMINATION IN WHATEVER FORM." THIS FIRM STAND OF PERU IS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT, HE SAID, BECAUSE THE MOVEMENT IS BEING SUBJECTED TO "MANEUVERS WHOSE

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WILL IS TO TURN THE NON-ALIGNED FROM THEIR PATH AND THEIR TASK, TO DIVIDE AND WEAKEN IT."

11. JAMAICA. JAMAICAN REPRESENTATIVE PATTERSON ACCORDING TO BORBA WARNED AGAINST "INCREASED AGGRESSIVENESS OF SOME COUNTRIES AND THEIR ATTEMPTS AT ALL COSTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR OLD PRIVILEGES AND TO MANIPULATE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS." PATTERSON SAID THE MOVEMENT MUST RECOGNIZE THAT WHILE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HARMONIZE OR COORDINATE ALL INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIFFERENCES, ON THE ONE HAND, COOPERATION WITH OTHERS IN THE NAM IS NEEDED ON THE OTHER." "OUR MOVEMENT ACCEPTS PLURALISM." PATTERSON CRITICIZED "THE APPEARANCE OF VARIOUS FORMS OF DOMINATION IN LATIN AMERICA." HE SUPPORTED THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE TO INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

12. BAHREIN, YEMEN (YAR), PAKISTAN. ALSO ADDRESSING PLENARY FIRST DAY WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF BAHREIN, YEMEN (YAR), AND PAKISTAN. THE BAHREIN REPRESENTATIVE, FOREIGN MINISTER AL KHALIFA, CONDEMNED ISRAELI AGGRESSION AS THE "SOLE SOURCE OF TENSION" IN THE MIDDLE EAST "AND BEYOND." HE ALSO REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED "INTERFERENCE OF NON-AFRICAN COUNTRIES ON THE CONTINENT", BECAUSE THAT "THREATENS THE UNITY OF THE NON-ALIGNED." THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC DELEGATE, ACCORDING TO POLITIKA, ALSO ATTACKED "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" IN NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS. YAR DELEGATE HAMRAN CRITICIZED "CERTAIN NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHO HAVE STRAYED FROM THE PATH OF NON-ALIGNMENT" AND ALSO OPPOSED FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN THE NAM.

13. THE PAKISTANI REPRESENTATIVE DELIVERED A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MOHAMMED ZIA IN WHICH ZIA CHARACTERIZED PAKISTAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE NAM AS GUEST "AN EVENT OF EXTRAORDINARY SIGNIFICANCE". THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE OBSERVED THAT PAKISTAN "HAS NEVER PARTICIPATED IN ANY PACT OF AGGRESSION" AND ALSO NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO FOREIGN BASES ON PAKISTANI TERRITORY. PAKISTAN IS PREPARED TO PROMOTE COOPERATION WITH ALL NON-ALIGNED STATED. HE STATED.

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